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Subject: **OCTOBER STATUS REPORT ON THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
ERP/ADMINISTRATIVE SYSTEMS REPLACEMENT RFP INITIATIVE**

This status report describes the activities of the Los Angeles County Administrative System (LACAS) project team through the month of September 2002.

### CURRENT STATUS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Accenture/PeopleSoft and IBM/SAP were notified of their status following vendor demonstrations as to their final placement in the selection process. The remaining proposal was from CSC/Oracle who was notified of their status prior to the vendor demonstrations.
- The LACAS project team obtained information and clarification of the technical architecture that would represent the best sustaining operational environment for the proposed PeopleSoft application.
- The LACAS project team prepared a Board Letter in support of the recommendation to proceed with contract negotiations.
- Briefed Board (I/T) Deputies, CAO and the Information Systems Commission on the proposed Board Letter and recommendation to proceed with contract negotiations.
- Met with Department of Health Services to discuss implementation and staffing requirements.
- Identified members of a LACAS negotiation team to begin contract negotiations when Board's approval to proceed is obtained.

## ACTIVITIES PLANNED DURING OCTOBER

- The LACAS project team will continue to concentrate on preparing the LACAS Statement of Work, which will be an essential document during contract negotiations.
- Filing of the LACAS Board Letter is currently on hold subject to the Board's decision on the closure of health facilities.

ISSUE 1: Several departments have acquired an automated time collection software product. This software has not been acquired as part of an enterprise solution. While the PeopleSoft application selected for the LACAS project does not provide this function, an interface will be necessary to allow the transfer of employee time collection information. If departments pursue independent solutions, it will negate the benefits of a countywide solution, notwithstanding the fact that the County will not obtain enterprise pricing.

My office is sending a memo to all departments asking that they join in developing a common solution to departmental time collection requirements. Additionally, we will begin looking into the opportunities for improving the cost of acquiring and sustaining the product already installed by three departments.

ISSUE 2: The delay in filing the Board Letter to allow contract negotiations to begin may significantly impact the LACAS project. The first phase of LACAS (July 2004) identified the implementation of General Ledger, Account Payable and Purchasing. With the current anticipated delay, it is known that LACAS cannot begin on January 2, 2003 and it is doubtful that LACAS could begin on February 1, 2003 unless negotiations and ultimate Board approval is completed and obtained in the January 2003 timeframe. If final Board approval is not obtained until the February 2003 timeframe, it is likely that the "Purchasing" component of the project would have to be removed and delayed beyond the July 2004 milestone.

If LACAS were delayed beyond a March 1, 2003 timeframe, serious consideration would have to be given to delaying the project start date 10 months until January 2, 2004. The implications of this scenario is that the existing contract pricing from Accenture/PeopleSoft would become void (existing pricing is firm until April 2003) and the likelihood that Accenture would be able to put in place the project team proposed, would be problematic.

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